

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 93
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Ripley firefighters for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, the Ripley firefighters have served with courage and gallantry and deserve proper recognition for heroism both in Ripley and in society today; and

WHEREAS, the Ripley firefighters served with great bravery and ability in the rescue of young DeAndre Reed, battling the inferno with no thoughts of personal safety in a heroic effort to locate the trapped toddler and escort him to safety; and

WHEREAS, Chief Jimbo Jarrett, Paul Merando, Brandon Spray, and William Glass, along with untold others who battled the blaze, performed their duties with the utmost skill, dedication, and professionalism; their service can only be categorized as outstanding; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend the firefighters of Ripley for meritorious
service in the field of emergency fire control and rescue and offer our thanks for a difficult job
well done.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.